श्री जसवंत सिंह : सभापति जी, इसके दो पहलू हैं- एक तो कोपरेटिव बैंक के सुधार की अवधि और दूसरा जो कृषकों को उधार दिया जाता है उसमें कुछ सुधार के लिए अवधि। जहां तक कृषकों को जो उधार दिया जाता है उसकी समय की अवधि तो मेरे हाथ की बात है और मैं माननीय सदस्य को आश्वस्त कर दूं कि जल्दी से जल्दी मैं इसे कर दूंगा। निश्चित रूव से इसके लिए अगले बजट के बाद ज्यादा आपको इंतजार नहीं करना पड़ेगा। जहां तक कोपरेटिव बैंक के सुधार की बात है, इसमें जब तक राज्यों का सहयोग नहीं होगा, तब तक यह मेरे लिए अकेले में करना संभव नहीं है क्योंकि कोपरेटिव अपने आप राज्यों के साथ जुड़ा हुआ है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Foreign exchange earned from tourism industry

*284. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Foreign tourist arrivals still below pre-September, 11 levels' which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi on 6th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of tourist arrivals during the last one year, country-wise/region-wise; and

(c) the estimated foreign exchange earned during the last one year from tourism industry and whether this income is less as compared to the previous year?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN):

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of foreign tourist arrival in the year 2001 -02 Region/ Country-wise is enclosed. *(See* below). There ha? been an increase of 16.8% and 16.2% in foreign tourist arrivals in October and November 2002 respectively as compared to the same months of the previous year.

(c) The foreign exchange earning in the year 2001 -02 was Rs. 13880 crores and during April 2002 to June 2002 it was Rs. 2955 crores. These are less than the foreign exchange earning during the corresponding periods of the previous years. But the overall comparison between the two years can be made only after 31 st March, 2003.

Statement

Foreign exchange earned from Tourism Industry

Tourist Arrivals in India Region/Country-wise during the year 2001-02

REGION/COUNTRY	
North America	
Canada	86662
U.S.A.	313020
TOTAL	399682
Central and South America	
Argentina	1748
Brazil	3248
Mexico	3204
Others	21085
TOTAL	29285
Western Europe	
Austria	16478
Belgium	17454
Denmark	12210
Finland	7879
France	91893
Germany	74785
Greece	3674
Ireland	5931
Italy	35774
Netherlands	39702
Norway	7427
Portugal	6928

REGION/COUNTRY	
Spain	21590
Sweden	14188
Switzerland	23451
U.K.	391791
Others	2368
TOTAL	773523
Eastern Europe	
Czechoslovakia	3130
Hungry	1744
Poland	4778
C.I.S.	24313
Others	7095
TOTAL	41060
Africa	
Egypt	2484
Ethiopia	2794
Kenya	16534
Mali	83
Mauritius	15011
Nigeria	7210
South Africa	19310
Sudan	2175
Tanzania	6913
Zambia	1286
Others	25789
TOTAL	99589
West Asia	
Bahrain	3816
Israel	28147
Jordan	1444
Kuwait	1804
Oman	13077
Qatar	1244
Saudi Arabia	9520
Syria	1457

REGION/COUNTRY	
Turkey	2550
U.A.E.	20862
Yemen Arab Rep.	7585
Others	5442
TOTAL	96948
South Asia	
Afghanistan	1508
Iran	11436
Maldives	17504
Nepal	40686
Pakistan	41312
Bangladesh	433742
Sri Lanka	106695
Bhutan	3536
TOTAL	656419
South East Asia	
Indonesia	7740
Malaysia	57360
Myanmar	2738
Philippines	7463
Singapore	41970
Thailand	18047
Others	4269
TOTAL	139587
East Asia	
China(Main)	13943
China(Taiwan)	4755
Hong Kong	814
Japan	69371
Korea(South)	28167
Korea(North)	2280
Others	885
TOTAL	120215

REGION/COUNTRY	
Australasia	
Australia	49911
Newzealand	11320
Fiji	1471
Others	520
Total	63222
Stateless	8853
GRAND TOTAL	2423498

Income tax mobilisation

*288. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many professionals like doctors/teachers are not paying income tax due from them and are in fact evading tax;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to bring them into tax net;

(c) what steps are being taken to mobilise more income tax; and

(d) what is the level of achievement of collection as compared to the budget estimates so far in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Income Tax Department regularly comes across cases of tax evasion ot various categories of assessees including professionals like teachers, doctors, and others.

(b) and (c) In order to generate more tax revenue, the Government follows a two-pronged approach of encouraging voluntary compliance and intensifying enforcement measures.

(d) As on 30th November 2002, (for FY 2002-2003) the collection of Direct Taxes is Rs. 36,226 crores (Budget Estimates Rs. 91,585 crores), which is about 40% of the Budget Estimates.